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From: Teter, Royan [Teter.Royan@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/23/2021 3:40:01 PM
To: clifton@mmimd.com
CC: Bingham, Kimberly [Bingham.Kimberly@epa.gov]; Annicella, Alan [Annicella.Alan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Outstanding Issues

Thank you. This is helpful. The specs you shared appear to be excerpts from a more comprehensive document, perhaps a request for bids. However, I didn't see any identifiers that attribute them to the VA. Do you have additional documentation that identifies the specs as the VA's? Other docs, e.g., original correspondence with the VA and/or product dealers?

The meeting is set for 3:30 PM Eastern on 6/24.

From: Clifton Broumand <cbroumand@gmail.com> **On Behalf Of** Clifton Broumand
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 9:34 AM
To: Teter, Royan <Teter.Royan@epa.gov>
Cc: Bingham, Kimberly <Bingham.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Annicella, Alan <Annicella.Alan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Outstanding Issues

Dear Mr. Teter,

This is what I received from the dealer.

Per our conversation, I am working two separate deals at the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. The first deal is for 10K mice and 10K Bluetooth keyboard. The second deal is for 50K mice, 50K Bluetooth keyboards, and 50K smart card reader keyboards. Each deal will be a 3-year BPA, and it will be a rollout to over 150 locations.

I am not sure which VA requirement this is. I also know from the dealer that Seal Shield is providing private letters explaining why their products are antimicrobial. I have asked for a copy, but I have not pushed. People are afraid to release.

Almost every VA requirement I see asks for antimicrobial.

Because the EPA removed the press release for the SSURO, no one was really aware of what happened and Seal Shield never told the dealers or end users that they could not advertise or claim that their products were antimicrobial.

In addition, there are a variety of manufacturers that are making these claims:

<https://www.amazon.com/Adesso-Antimicrobial-Waterproof-Keyboard-AKB-630UB/dp/B01INVE2G0>

<https://www.hoffmann-krippner.com/keyboards/>

<https://www.tangent.com/healthcare/antimicrobial-keyboards> (A Seal Shield keyboard)

<https://www.wetkeys.com/Antimicrobial-Keyboards-Germ-Resistant-Keyboards-s/206.htm>

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B002ORDWES/ref=as_li_tf_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=9325&creativeASIN=B002ORDWES&SubscriptionId=&linkCode=as2&tag=bestprodtag1196050-20

<https://www.clearbags.com/15-x-11-antibacterial-keyboard-cover-250-pieces-apsk1511.html>

<https://tangent.com/blog/antimicrobial-all-in-one-medical-computers/>

<https://www.cybernetman.com/en/medical-computer>

All of these above are making claims that do not meet your regulations. This is frustrating to manage, because we see antimicrobial requirements all the time.

Does this help? I look forward to our conversation tomorrow. I have 2 times for this meeting. Can you confirm which one?

Regards.

Clifton

On 6/23/2021 7:51 AM, Teter, Royan wrote:

Hello Mr. Broumand – Thanks for the reply. You'll receive an Outlook calendar invitation with video and conference line information, shortly. We are interested in as much detail as you can provide regarding the VA procurement process you brought to my attention during our last conversation. Any documentation you can share ahead of the call would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Royan

From: Clifton Broumand <clifton@mmimd.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 9:42 AM

To: Teter, Royan <Teter.Royan@epa.gov>

Cc: Annicella, Alan <Annicella.Alan@epa.gov>; Bingham, Kimberly <Bingham.Kimberly@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Outstanding Issues

Dear Mr. Royan,

I am available on Thursday at 3:30. I really appreciate your response and look forward to discussing this matter further. To prepare for the meeting, do you need anything specifically?

Regards,

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On Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 2:35 PM Teter, Royan <Teter.Royan@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Mr. Broumand – Thank you for your patience. I received your voice mail last Thursday. I apologize for the delay in responding. Between Friday's national holiday and key stakeholders being out of the office until midweek, I've not had an opportunity to fully coordinate with my Region 4 colleagues. However, we would like to schedule a conference call with you for later in the week. We propose 3:30 Eastern on Thursday, 6/24. Please let me know if you're available at that time or propose some alternate times on Friday or early next week. Once we confirm availability, we'll send out an invitation containing conference line information.

Regards,

Royan

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Royan Teter, Chief

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From: Clifton Broumand <cbroumand@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 3:58 PM
To: Teter, Royan <Teter.Royan@epa.gov>
Subject: Outstanding Issues

Dear Sir,

A couple of things. I have contacted the office below, but no one has responded. I do not want to be difficult, but I do not understand what needs to be done to get someone to contact me.

Secondly, the VA is specifying that their keyboards and mice need to be antimicrobial. I have tried to explain that this would require EPA certification and the product that they desire (Seal Shield) does not meet this requirement. Is there someone that can explain this to the VA?

Regards,

On 4/29/2021 5:06 PM, Teter, Royan wrote:

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